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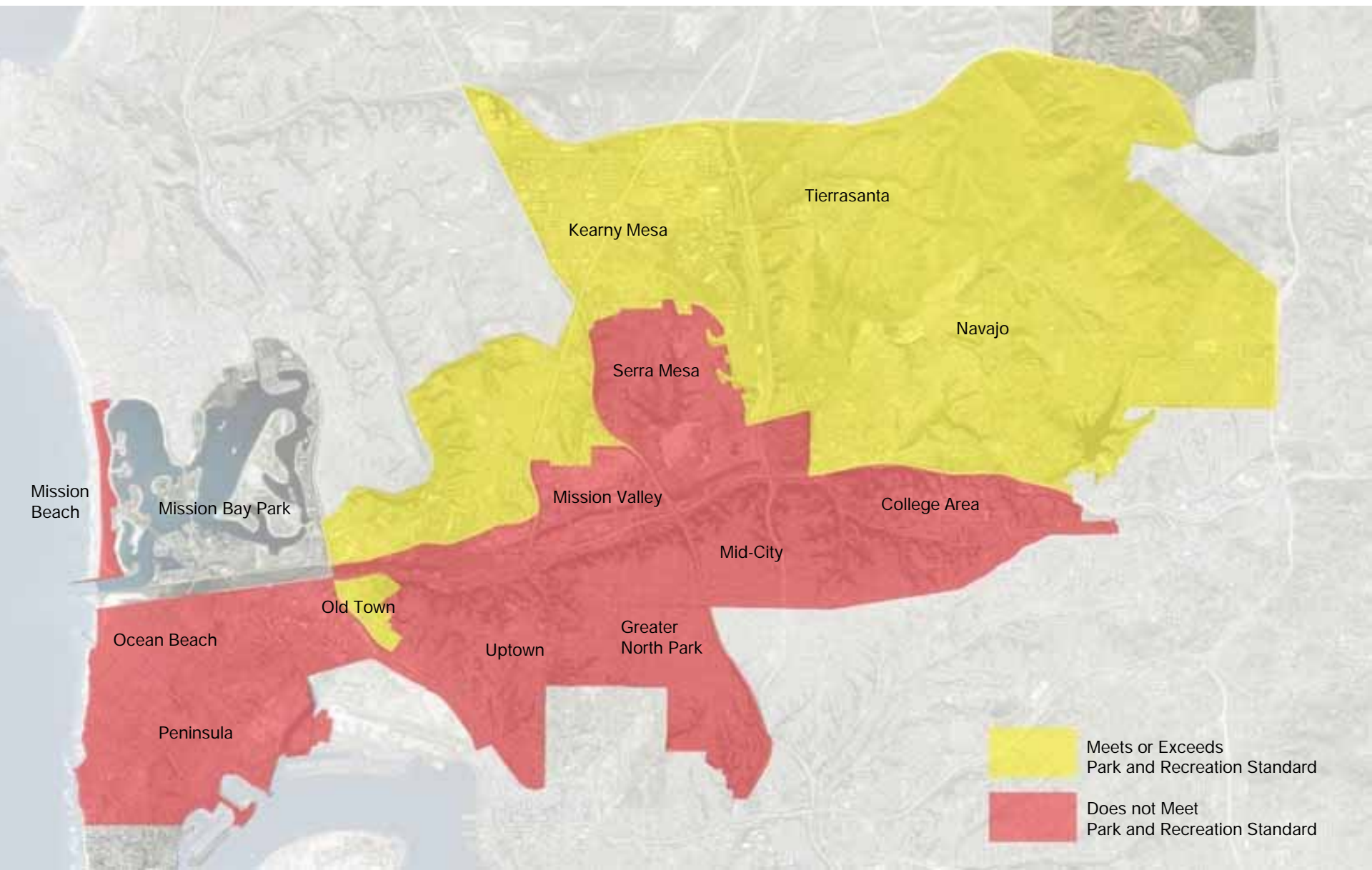


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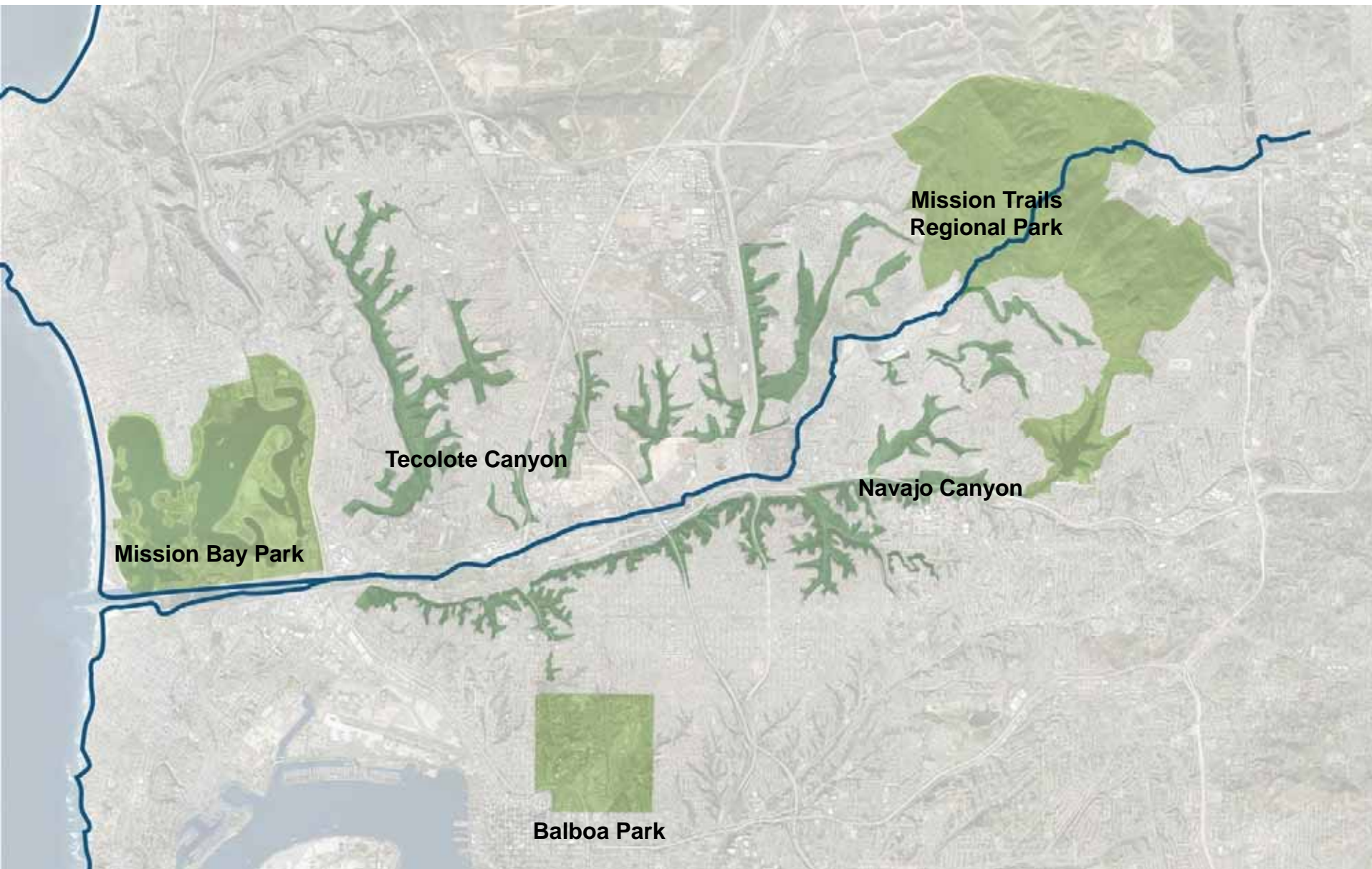


*Today green space is overwhelmed and disconnected by pavement.*



*Community needs for recreation space in the valley have gone unfulfilled*





*Parks, open space and habitats are sparse and disconnected*



*The San Diego River is now a managed waterway, altered by mining, flood control, utility and roadway infrastructure and development.*





*Water quality is degraded by urban runoff, stagnating water and pollution.*

*Habitat quality is diminished by flourishing invasive species and interrupted by development.*





*The San Diego River Park presents the opportunity to establish the means to clean the water of the river and make the river system healthier.*